



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **AKIRA KIBASHI, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/955,548**

Filed: **September 17, 2001**

For: **RECORDING AND PLAYING  
BACK DEVICE, STORAGE DEVICE,  
COMPUTER DEVICE, DATA  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM SENDING DEVICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Mr. Patel:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2006, with a shortened statutory period ending on June 27, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b> 37 CFR 1.8 <i>EQ 343861734 US</i></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail" to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to MAIL STOP: RCE - Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>Date of Deposit: _____ By: _____</p>
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